

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-31 are pending in this application. These claims are subject to a Restriction Requirement. The Examiner has restricted the claims into fourteen groups (I-XIV). Applicant hereby elects Group II (i.e., claims 3-8 and 25-27).

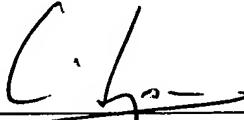
Claims 3 and 25 have been amended to incorporate the definitions of withdrawn claims 1 and 2, respectively. It will be appreciated that these amendments add no new matter and have no impact whatsoever on the scope of these claims.

Claims 9, 11, 12, 15 and 28-31 are withdrawn process claims that depend from one or more of the elected product claims. As discussed in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be rejoined with the elected product claims once these are found allowable.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Cooke for her time and consideration of this case. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4793.

Additionally, please charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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